

House Resolution 2175

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th and Jordan of the 77th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Pastor Dallas C. Wilson and the Center of Hope Church of God in Christ
2 Ministries for answering the call of God to extraordinary service during Hurricane Katrina;
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in September 2005, Pastor Dallas
5 Wilson and the Center of Hope Church of God in Christ Ministries participated in a major
6 outreach effort to provide assistance to those victims who arrived in Clayton County; and

7 WHEREAS, when Representative Roberta Abdul-Salaam issued the urgent *Call to*
8 *Prayer-Call to Action*, Pastor Dallas Wilson and the leadership of the Center of Hope Church
9 of God in Christ Ministries responded immediately and participated in a county-wide
10 conference call; and

11 WHEREAS, recognizing that hundreds of victims had found their way to Clayton County
12 seeking assistance, Pastor Wilson offered to provide living quarters in private rooms located
13 in the basement of the church; and

14 WHEREAS, Pastor Wilson, the leaders of the Center of Hope, and church members
15 participated in county-wide relief efforts providing a drop-off site for citizens to donate
16 clothing, food, toiletries, and other necessities; and

17 WHEREAS, Pastor Wilson led the outreach efforts to get the American Red Cross to fulfill
18 their commitment to opening and staffing a shelter in Clayton County, and held a highly
19 successful press conference to bring attention to the needs of those evacuees staying in
20 Clayton County not receiving appropriate assistance; and

21 WHEREAS, Pastor Wilson and his congregation graciously provided Sunday dinner at the
22 church each week so that evacuees in the area could have a good home-cooked meal; and

1 WHEREAS, the Center of Hope provided transportation to and from area hotels where
2 evacuees were staying; and

3 WHEREAS, many evacuees and community leaders came to enjoy the singing and ministry
4 at the Center of Hope that uplifted everyone's spirits during such tragic times; and

5 WHEREAS, several evacuees have since stayed in the community, have joined the Center
6 of Hope church family, and with Pastor Wilson's assistance are now employed and attending
7 school with new places to live; and

8 WHEREAS, through the powerful spiritual support of Pastor Dallas Wilson and the
9 membership of the Center of Hope, the evacuees have been able to witness the blessing of
10 God in action; and

11 WHEREAS, the massive relief effort undertaken by all who participated will forever be
12 remembered along with how everyone pulled together to help one another; and

13 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and the hundreds of evacuees who received assistance are
14 grateful to Pastor Dallas C. Wilson and the Center of Hope Church of God in Christ
15 Ministries for all of the prayers, counseling, and assistance, and it is abundantly fitting and
16 proper that their unselfish and inspirational service to others in need be appropriately
17 recognized.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body join in commending Pastor Dallas C. Wilson and the Center of
20 Hope Church of God in Christ Ministries for answering the call of God to extraordinary
21 service during Hurricane Katrina.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Pastor Dallas C. Wilson and
24 the Center of Hope Church of God in Christ Ministries.